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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68810

Takahiro NAKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/092,616 ✓

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 8662 ✓

Examiner: Ly T. Tran

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For: COLORING AGENT AMOUNT RECORDING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT MATERIALS COST PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT CARTRIDGE, AND COLLECTION OF THE CARTRIDGE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-20 and 22-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A coloring agent amount recording apparatus recording an amount of a

printing coloring agent, said apparatus comprising:

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an information obtaining portion obtaining information on an amount of the printing  
coloring agent that is consumed, wherein said amount was not used in actual printing; and

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